

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF OREGON

JAMES LOWRY,  
Plaintiff

vs.

MICHAEL J. ASTRUE,  
Commissioner of Social Security,  
Defendant

3:10-cv-01554-HZ

ORDER

Based upon the stipulation of the parties, it is hereby ORDERED that attorney fees in the amount of \$2,455.35 shall be awarded to Plaintiff pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2412. The parties agree that attorney fees will be paid to Plaintiff's attorney, dependent upon verification that Plaintiff has no debt which qualifies for offset against the awarded fees, pursuant to the Treasury Offset Program as discussed in *Astrue v. Ratliff*, 130 S.Ct. 2521 (2010).

If Plaintiff has no such debt, then the check shall be made out to Plaintiff's attorney and mailed to Plaintiff's attorney's office as follows: Merrill Schneider, P.O. Box 14490, Portland, OR 97293. If Plaintiff has a debt, then the check for any remaining funds after offset of the debt shall be made to Plaintiff and mailed to Plaintiff's attorney's office at the address stated above.

DATED this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2012.

/s/ Marco A. Hernandez  
Marco A. Hernandez  
United States District Court Judge